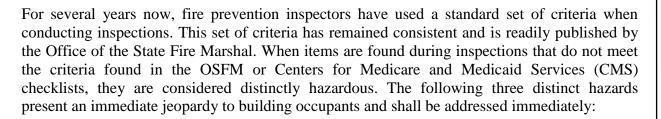
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- 1) Exit doors that are chained and/or padlocked closed;
- 2) The fire alarm system is impaired and no work is in progress to restore it to an operable condition;
- 3) An existing automatic sprinkler system is impaired and no work is in progress to restore it to an operable condition.

If any of these three conditions are found, they must be corrected IMMEDIATELY. The OSFM inspector will remain on the premises until corrected.

These conditions pose a very real threat to the occupants' lives. Despite efforts to educate administrators, architects, engineers, and construction supervisors, these hazards are still found during annual inspections.

The OSFM will take whatever measures are necessary in order to achieve compliance. This may even include the immediate evacuation of the building. In this case, buildings may remain unusable until the problem is corrected and appropriate planning for fire safety is shown.

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL HEALTHCARE

If a distinctly hazardous condition is cited with a scope and severity consistent with an "Immediate Jeopardy", the facility may incur a civil money penalty between \$3,050 and \$10,000 per day or a "per instance" civil money penalty from \$1,000 to \$10,000 for each deficiency.

The civil money penalty is determined by the CMS regional office or the State Medicaid Agency. Neither the Office of the State Fire Marshal nor the fire inspector that conducted the inspection is involved with determining civil money penalties as part of a federal inspection.

The facility must immediately submit an allegation that the immediate jeopardy has been removed as well as provide sufficient detail to demonstrate how the situation has been addressed so that the State Agency can verify the abated immediate jeopardy.